

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Zele on 21 November 2006.

Please **change the title** to the following:

Medical Vacuum Aspirator Device Having Removable Valve Housing

In Claim 1, line 8

Please insert --a hinge about which the first housing portion pivots relative to the second housing portion;-- before "means for removably attaching..."

In claim 15, line 6

Please insert --portion-- before "cooperate to define a housing..."

NB 12/21/06 In Claim ¹⁵~~16~~, line 9

Please insert --a hinge about which the first housing pivots relative to the second housing portion;-- before "a fluid conduit retained..."

In Claim 28, line 6

please delete ";" and replace with
--,wherein the housing comprises first and second housing portions;